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Smooth American Families
discuss matters with

logic and reason, and equal
editorial voice for all,

(though the children must
be safeguarded, thus,
at times, gently, trumped.)

But families I know--well
let's say the crisis
is lowrider jeans

on the fifteen year old
daughter, who tries e-
easing past the front door.

"You won't walk out of this house
with half your ass hanging out!"

She'll spit back with practiced,
breathless pity that he always sees
things in **filthy** light

AND her friends all laugh
at her since she's the **last**
girl to lowrider it **AND**

Mother always favors **his** sick side. **AND!**
…well, they'll not compromise this day.

Eventually. But not without new tears
and shrieks, insults compounded

both ways, recriminations, racking
whines. Stompings, out and in place.

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At any rate, nothing smooth.